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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The Examiner acknowledges Applicant's submission on 8/8/05, wherein including a complete set of claims. The previous rejection has been maintained and the arguments have been addressed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6, 842, 185 B1 (Mavrommati et al.), herein referred to as Mavrommati.

Referring to claims 1 and 12, Mavrommati discloses a method for navigating through a repository of graphical displays and maintain knowledge of the location of any display currently being viewed (column 4, lines 26-38). Mavrommati discloses displaying a main folder of directories in the repository from which a user can select one of the directories to navigate through to review graphical displays (column 1, lines 10-15). Mavrommati discloses displaying the complete hierarchical information for a selected directory from the main folder of directories, hierarchical information includes the categories of graphical display sets for a selected entry in the directory (column 1,

lines 45-48). Mavrommati discloses displaying a viewing screen of the graphical display sets for a selected graphical display set, the viewing screen containing a row of buttons corresponding to the number of display sets in the selected category (column 1, lines 45-48) and a second row of buttons corresponding to the number of displays in a selected display set (column 4, lines 20-25) and displaying a graphical display corresponding to one of buttons selected from the row of buttons corresponding to the number of displays in a selected display set (column 4, lines 26-29).

Referring to claim 2, Mavrommati discloses displaying a set of entries for a selected directory from the main folder of directories, determining whether the selected entry is a sub-directory, when the selected entry is a sub-directory, displaying entries from the current sub-directory, determining whether a selected entry in the current sub-directory is a sub-directory, when the selected entry in the current sub-directory is a sub-directory, displaying entries from the current sub-directory and repeating steps (d) and (e) until a selected entry in a sub-directory is not a sub-directory (column 4, lines 45-50).

Referring to claims 3 and 14, Mavrommati discloses initially displaying a thumbnail view of a selected graphical display prior to displaying a full view of the selected graphical display (column 2, lines 2-6).

Referring to claims 4 and 15, Mavrommati discloses displaying a full screen version of a selected graphical display following the initial thumbnail view of a selected graphical display (column 2, lines 6-11).

Referring to claims 5 and 16, Mavrommati discloses that for each directory that is a sub-directory the step of displaying the set of entries in that sub-directory when a cursor moves over that entry (column 3, lines 34-37).

Referring to claims 6 and 17, Mavrommati discloses displaying a set of categories of graphical display groups, each group containing sets of graphical displays (column 4, lines 28-32).

Referring to claims 7 and 18, Mavrommati discloses displaying entries for a selected directory or sub-directory further comprises reading pointer information located in the selected directory and returning objects of the pointer (column 3, lines 33-42).

Referring to claims 8 and 19, Mavrommati discloses that entries from a directory or sub-directory are displayed when a curser moves over a directory or sub-directory (column 3, lines 32-45).

Referring to claims 9 and 20, Mavrommati discloses that a set of entries for an entry selected from a directory or subdirectory is displayed when the selected entry is a directory, sub-directory or display category set (column 4, lines 50-59).

Referring to claims 10 and 21, Mavrommati discloses displaying the complete hierarchical information for a selected directory from the main folder of directories further comprises simultaneously displaying each selected directory and sub-directory as a window on the same display screen (column 4, lines 15-60).

Referring to claims 11 and 22, Mavrommati discloses highlighting each selected entry in each selected directory or sub-directory (column 3, lines 32-37).

Referring to claim 13, Mavrommati discloses displaying a set of entries for a selected directory from the main folder of directories, determining whether the selected entry is a sub-directory, when the selected entry is a sub-directory, displaying entries from the current sub-directory, determining whether a selected entry in the current sub-directory is a sub-directory, when the selected entry in the current sub-directory is a sub-directory, displaying entries from the current sub-directory and moving from one sub-directory to another sub-directory until a selected entry in a sub-directory is not another sub-directory (column 4, lines 45-50).

Referring to claim 23, Mavrommati discloses a system for navigating through a repository of graphical displays and maintains knowledge of the location of any display currently being viewed (column 4, lines 26-38). Mavrommati discloses a local computer, a display repository housed in a containing graphical display (column 4, lines 60-67). Mavrommati discloses displays being arranged into sets of displays and stored in the repository in a directory hierarchical tree configuration containing a series of sub-directories that link to the location of a display in the repository (column 1, lines 45-55 and column 5, lines 4-7). Mavrommati discloses a computer network for establishing communication between the local computer and the display repository (column 5, lines 12-15). Mavrommati discloses a navigator program for maneuvering through the directories and sub-directories of graphical displays and control buttons on a screen of a local computer to provide selecting a specific graphical display from a set of displays in a display group (column 3, lines 46-65).

Referring to claim 24, Mavrommati discloses that the display repository resides in a server machine on the computing network (column 5, lines 12-15).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 4/25/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With respect to Applicant's arguments that Mavrommati does not disclose displaying the complete hierarchical information for a selected directory. Mavrommati discloses, like the claims, selection of a first icon representative of an item from a first directory, wherein upon this selection, a second sequence of icons associated with this selection is displayed (column 3, lines 50-65), wherein Mavrommati discloses that upon selection of a first icon, the sequence of second icons associated with the first icon are in fact displayed to the user.

With respect to Applicant's arguments that Mavrommati does not disclose displaying a viewing screen of the graphical display sets for, wherein selection of an image in the desired set. Mavrommati and the claims refer to the selection of controls, wherein the claims do not disclose the selection of images. Mavrommati discloses the selection of icons, wherein representing the buttons, the icons and buttons both being graphical elements that when activated carries out a distinct functions. Mavrommati discloses the displaying of these icons in format wherein the icons represent item of a selected category, wherein the selected category is the previously selected first icon.

With respect to Applicant's arguments that Mavrommati discloses the user actually selecting the entry and not placing the cursor over the entry. Mavrommati

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discloses a selection process by the user, wherein this selection does involve the placing of the cursor over the entry, during the user selection of an icon, the user must place the cursor over the entry in order to carry out any further selection.

With respect to Applicant's arguments that Mavrommati does not disclose the selected directory and subdirectory simultaneously in window on the same display. Mavrommati discloses the displaying of the first set of icons and the second sequence of icons, wherein them representing the directory and subdirectory and displaying them both simultaneously for display to the user, wherein Mavrommati further teaches that the selected items that are further displayed can represent images, or a further sequence of items that are displayed, wherein teaching the simultaneous display of a directories that are displayed (column 4, lines 25-50).

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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